

Claims

1. A cleaning composition comprising at least 80 percent by weight water, at least 1 percent by weight of an amphiphile, and at least 0.005 percent by weight of hydrocarbon.
2. A cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the water the amphiphile and the hydrocarbon co-exist as a single phase without separating from each other as layers.
3. A cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the composition contains at least 96% w/w water.
4. A cleaning composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the composition contains 2 to 8% by weight of amphiphile.
5. A cleaning composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the amphiphile is a glycol ether.
6. A cleaning composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein the glycol ether is a compound of the formula $R^1O(RO)_nH$ in which R is a C_1-C_8 alkylene group, n is at least 1 and R^1 is a C_1-C_8 alkyl group, or is an optionally substituted aryl group.
7. A cleaning composition as claimed in claim 6, wherein R^1 is a phenyl group.

8. A cleaning composition as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the amphiphile is a 1-alkyl-2-pyrrolidone.

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9. A cleaning composition as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the hydrocarbon is present in an amount 0.05 to 0.5 percent by weight of the composition.

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10. A cleaning composition comprising water, a hydrocarbon and an amphiphile, which composition exhibits Marangoni behaviour when exposed to air.

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11. A method of cleaning a soiled substrate, comprising the application to the soiled substrate of a composition as claimed in any preceding claim.

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12. The use of a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 10 for the cleaning of household substrates.

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13. A packaged household cleaning product comprising a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 10.